

the written examination on the first sitting. CCCC is also a testing site for the practical and written certification examinations in these three occupations.

CCCC was designated in February 2001 as a National Technology Certification Testing Center. The certifying agencies and their testing emphases are listed below:

CompTia

A+

Network+

I-Net+

Server+

NIVO

MOUS-Access

MOUS-Word

MOUS-Excel

Prometric

CISCO

CIW

NORTEL

Testing is accomplished through the Academic Assistance Center located in the Guided Studies building. All test proctors must be certified by passing the National Testing Administrator Examination.

Under the leadership of Walter Person, a diploma-level Information Systems Technology curriculum was started on the Chatham County campus in January 2000.

On May 2, 2000, the voters of Lee County voted against a \$4.3-million bond referendum for the college and a \$25.7-million bond referendum for the public schools of Lee County. The college's bond vote failed 55 percent against and 45 percent for. A well-financed opposition effort against the bonds led to the defeat of both issues.

After 32 years of use, all studios in the Radio Broadcasting laboratory received a total cosmetic renovation in the spring of 2000. On-air equipment was upgraded with Internet access.

An automatic teller machine provided by the State Employees Credit Union was opened for use in the early summer of 2000. It is located on the Lee County Campus near the civic center.

A new telephone system for the Lee County campus was installed in July 2000.

According to data collected by the University of North Carolina System, for the 1999-2000 school year, college transfer students from CCCC earned a grade-point average of 3.0, or a "B" aver-

age, for all courses taken during their first year at the senior institutions. Students who started as freshmen on the UNC System campuses earned a grade point average of 2.74. This has been the trend since the University of North Carolina System started providing these data.

The Lee County Campus library received two grants from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) totaling \$58,615 in the fall of 1999. The grants were used to equip a networked classroom in what had been the periodical and reading area of the library. This classroom contains 23 computers and serves as an open Internet laboratory when not being used for the library classes. Specific classes and groups of students are taught how to conduct research using the Internet. The networked classroom became operable during the summer of 2000. The college received two other grants from LSTA, totaling \$19,755, in 1997 and 1998, to purchase computers for the libraries on each county campus.

To enhance students' employment opportunities in the expanding computer and electronic fields, CCCC started a five-semester associate degree curriculum in Computer Engineering Technology, in August 2000. Graduates are qualified to install, service, and maintain computers, computer peripherals, networks, microprocessor-based systems, and computer-controlled equipment. Steve S. Lympany, department chair of Engineering Technologies, is the lead instructor.

Computers and their software have become disseminators of massive amounts of information about anything that one wishes to share. Realizing the need for trained people to design, set up, and maintain websites for the Internet, CCCC started a five-semester associate degree curriculum titled Internet Technologies in August 2000. Wayne L. Adkins is the lead instructor.

Central Carolina Community College ended the era of flipping through trays of dusty, tattered cards in the library's card catalog, in search of an elusive book, in 1983, when its library holdings were placed on machine-readable microfiche. In 1987, CCCC transferred its library holdings to a Dynix Automated Library System via computer.

As the library became automated, it became difficult to employ library technicians who were knowledgeable in library technology. The lack of library technicians to meet the needs of a modern automated library brought about the genesis of the